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SECOND COMMITTEE

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 4th MEETING

Held at the Austria Center Vienna,
on Monday, 15 April 1991, at 11.45 a.m.

Chairman: Ms. VILUS (Yugoslavia)

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The meeting was called to order at 11.45 a.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE (agenda item 4) (continued) (A/CONF.152/C.2/L.9)

1. Mr. RAO (India), speaking as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, introduced the report of the Drafting Committee to the Second Committee (A/CONF.152/C.2/L.9) and suggested that the Secretary of the Drafting Committee should be requested to indicate the changes it had made in the text of the articles approved by the Second Committee.

2. Mr. BERGSTEN (Executive Secretary), speaking as the Secretary of the Drafting Committee, said that it had filled in the two blank spaces in paragraph 1 of article 18 by inserting the full title of the Conference and the words "30 April 1992". After some discussion, generated by a suggestion made in the Second Committee by the Byelorussian delegation (A/CONF.152/C.2/SR.3), the Drafting Committee had decided to delete the words "are to be notified to the depositary and" from article 19 (2). No change had been made in the text of article 19 (3) referred to the Drafting Committee by the Second Committee in the light of the First Committee's decision on article 2.

3. In article 20, which had previously been article 21, the Drafting Committee had, at the request of the Second Committee, replaced the words "under this Convention" in paragraphs 1 and 4 by the words "under article 19". Likewise at the suggestion of the Second Committee, it had reversed the order of articles 20 and 21 and in article 25 had inserted a cross-reference to paragraph 8 of article 24. The date would be inserted in the penultimate clause of the Convention after the signing ceremony.

4. Replying to Mr. TUVAYANOND (Thailand), Mr. BERGSTEN (Executive Secretary) explained that the date of 30 April 1992 had been inserted in article 18 (1) following the agreement reached in the Second Committee that the Convention should remain open for signature for approximately one year after the concluding meeting of the Conference.

5. Articles 17 to 25 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE PLENARY CONFERENCE (agenda item 5) (continued) (A/CONF.152/C.2/L.2 and Add.1-3)

6. Mr. SAHAYDACHNY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the Committee had adopted sections I and II of its report at the previous meeting. He invited it to add the following text to the report:

"III. Consideration of the report of the Drafting Committee to the Committee

At its fourth meeting, held on 15 April 1991, the Second Committee received the report of the Drafting Committee to the Second Committee containing the texts of articles 17 to 25, as approved by the Drafting Committee (A/CONF.152/C.2/L.9). The Second Committee referred those articles to the Plenary."

7. Section III of the Committee's report was adopted.

8. Mr. ZHANG Kening (China) said that his delegation had been surprised to find that the Chinese version of document A/CONF.152/C.2/L.9 reproduced the texts of articles 17 to 25 as they appeared in document A/CONF.152/5.

9. Mr. BERGSTEN (Executive Secretary) said that all necessary corrections to the various language versions of articles 17 to 25 should be brought to the attention of the Secretariat. They would be incorporated in the document containing the final version of the report of the Second Committee to the plenary Conference.

COMPLETION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK

10. The CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had completed its work.

The meeting rose at 12.15 p.m.